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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Documents **B1-B2 and C1-C2** are enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the mailing date of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, whichever occurred first, but on or before payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.97(d)). Applicants hereby request that the Information Disclosure Statement be considered.

Document **A1** is cited in **C2**, an Office Action mailed August 23, 2007 in related U.S. Application No. 09/834,307. Documents **B1-B2** were cited in **C1**, a redacted English translation describing the rejections in an Office Action mailed October 7, 2008 in related Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-572908. Document **A2** (US Pat. No. 6,153,252) appears to be related to document **B2**. Document **B1** is a Japanese patent application, and an English abstract of **B1**, which was provided to us by our Japanese associate, is included at the end of the submitted document.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patent documents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

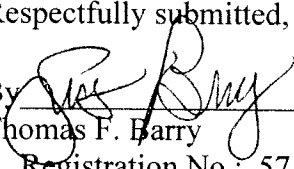
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